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SENATOR DWORAK: I make the point that Senator Bereuter changed his bill five days ago, Roland. A lot of these bills have been on there as long as five and six weeks. That would make this totally unfair that somebody five days ago can upset this whole order and put himself on top of the priorities. Now if I change my priority bill from...

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: If you want to.

SENATOR DWORAK: ... Then do I go to the top of the list? Will I have the same privilege?

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: You certainly may.

SENATOR DWORAK: Then I will go to the top of the list.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Any one who wants to change, it is your priority bill. Whatever bill you want, it is your bill. You can have it.

SENATOR DWORAK: And then I can go to the top of the list.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: If it is on General File chronologically on this worksheet, and it comesfirst, you will be first. That is correct.

SENATOR DWORAK: Thank you.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: All right. Now I am going to ask for anyone who wants to change their priority bill to give me that number at this time before we start. Now there is a motion on the desk. Read the motion.

CLERK: Mr. President, just ahead of the motion, there are two study resolutions put in by Senator Keyes. So it (LR 85 & 36) should be referred to the Executive Board. Mr. President, I move that the priority list be established by a lottery system. Signed Senator Chambers.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, I will tell you what I mean by this. There was no discussion among the members of the body as to how these bills were going to be located on the priority list, and in the past, it was on a first come, first serve. They would indicate that as the priority list bills came in that would be your placement on the sheet. All of a sudden everything changes without the body being informed of it, so what I think we ought to do is get 40 slips of paper and each Senator place his or her name on the slip and they put it in a receptacle and the Clerk or some person who is not a member of the Legislature draw out the names. As those names come out, that is the establishment of the priority list and I think it would be absolutely fair. We would all be privy to the selection as it occurs and this is the only way I can see that we can resolve the difficulty which is arising. If you go according to the placement of the bills as they are right now on this list, you could have a situation where a bill was being held for sometime in a committee and as a result it got out here late on the floor and an individual with a priority bill should not be punished because